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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 19, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of abundant grace, thank You for the bounty of gifts You have showered upon us. It is You who have supplied seed for the sower and bread for food. If only we take time to look, we discover that You have given us all that we require. You have enriched us in every way, and we come before You overflowing with gratitude.

Now, as we have so richly received, may we richly give.

As we savor the supply and enjoy the increase of our welfare, may we look for every occasion to be unsparing to those who do not experience those same privileges.

As we have been enriched by the harvest of Your righteousness made available to us, may we show our thanksgiving to You through our generosity of spirit and collegiality with those to whom You have called us to serve.

God, cause us to pause and realize how profoundly we have been blessed. May we be intentional, even deliberate, this day in sharing Your surpassing grace.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THE CHILD TAX CREDIT IS SLASHING CHILD POVERTY

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of a bold build back better agenda that invests in addressing climate change, grows our economy, invests in children and education, and makes sure that every American has healthcare. We face a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we have to move forward.

We have to invest in our children, and we cannot allow for an obstinate few to threaten to squander any of this for their own vanity.

We have to come together to find a center path forward. It is not this side or that side, but it is, rather, let's work together for progress that improves the security and the prosperity of the people we represent.

Already, we have seen the immense good that policies like the expanded monthly child tax credit can do. The child tax credit is slashing child poverty.

I recently spoke with Amanda Douglas, a single mother in my district with two young children, Axel and Avery. With the child tax credit, Amanda said that she no longer feels unbearable stress on a daily basis, that she is able to pay her bills and provide for her sons. So for Amanda, Axel, and Avery, for every family striving to realize the American Dream, we need to be investing in our families and young people to ensure that every child has the opportunities they deserve, not playing political games or holding people's futures hostage.

BRING HOME THE 17 MISSIONARIES TAKEN HOSTAGE IN HAITI

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, 17 Christian missionaries were taken hostage in Haiti.

I have spoken with their family members. To hear their story is heart-breaking. These men and women went to Haiti because they felt called to serve. They said: "Here I am, Lord, send me."

We cannot allow for Americans to be kidnapped abroad. When these missionaries went to serve, they were met with violence. Attacks like this prove that we must remain committed to the safety and the security of Americans abroad. We must never capitulate to those who wish us harm. Whether it is

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in Haiti, in Afghanistan, or even on our southern border, Americans must always be protected.

Now is the time to bring these American missionaries safely home. I urge all of my colleagues to join with me in prayer for the safe return of our missionaries.

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACK ON PARENTS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, Democrats are politicizing the Justice Department and embarking on a witch hunt, this time to go after parents.

Parents across the country are bravely taking a stand to protect their children against overly restrictive COVID-19 mandates and identity politics indoctrination. In response, the Biden administration is weaponizing law enforcement agencies to intimidate them into silence.

Some parents have crossed the line. Harassing and threatening school officials is unacceptable.

But there is no evidence that parents pose a widespread threat to school administrators. Yet, the National School Boards Association is asking the Biden administration to treat these parents like domestic terrorists.

Attorney General Merrick Garland's outrageous memo, giving credence to these accusations, shows the Biden administration cares more about appeasing special interests than Americans concerned about their children.

This attack on the First Amendment cannot continue. Parents must be allowed to stand up for their kids.

RUGBY IN THE U.S.A.

(Mr. MOONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Rugby Caucus, along with D.C. Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, I am very excited to see the legendary New Zealand All Blacks take the pitch against the U.S.A. men's national rugby team when they face off this Saturday, October 23. We hope to pack FedExField here in the D.C. area.

The All Blacks of New Zealand are the world's most famous rugby club. They strike fear in their opponents with their world-famous traditional pregame war dance, called the haka.

As a bonus, the Army Black Knights will face off against the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen in the curtain-raiser match.

Men's and women's rugby are fast-growing sports in America and give us all a chance to put partisan politics aside. That is why bringing an international event of this magnitude to the D.C. area is a tremendous accomplishment for U.S.A. Rugby, Events D.C.,

and Left Field Live. The match is an important barometer of the United States' ability to host future world-class events, including the Rugby World Cup.

Please support the game of rugby by joining me this Saturday, October 23, here in D.C. at FedExField.

INFLATION IS AT A 30-YEAR HIGH

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of American families and small businesses in North Carolina who are having to confront not only the pandemic but President Biden's truly disastrous and shortsighted economic policies.

Inflation is at a 30-year high. Gas prices are up 42 percent. Hell, even the cost of bacon has gone through the roof.

We are hurtling backwards under liberal control, and the fact that Democrats are trying to sell a free \$5.5 trillion package as the solution is an embarrassment and a snake oil lie to the American people.

Let's be clear. Most liberal elites and progressives in Washington have never run a business. They have never signed both sides of a paycheck, and they have never had to make the heartbreaking decision between feeding their families and keeping their businesses open.

At a small business roundtable, one local bakery owner said that crippling inflation, the self-induced labor shortage, and supply chain disruptions have created such a fragile environment that he is one worker away from bankruptcy.

This bakery owner even raised his own employee pay by \$4 an hour and took a second job to make ends meet, and he still cannot fill job vacancies.

CELEBRATING MINNESOTA'S BLUE RIBBON CITY

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Moose Lake, Minnesota, as they become the second Blue Ribbon City in the world, thanks to the leadership of Moose Lake Elementary teacher Brad Hubred and his student Piper Nielson.

For the last 13 years, Brad has taken the time to write every one of his students a personal, handwritten letter highlighting all of the positives he sees in them in an effort to reduce suicide.

Recently, Brad teamed up with sixth-grade student Piper Nielson to take part in the Standing Strong Together class through the nationwide Blue Ribbon Program, where they learned methods to inspire and uplift others.

As ambassadors of the Blue Ribbon Program, both Brad and Piper decided

to take what they learned in the classroom and put it into action by ordering 5,000 blue ribbons for all of the residents of the Moose Lake community to remind them of their worth and value.

I applaud both Brad and Piper for joining such a wonderful, important movement. Minnesota's Eighth District is a better place because of their ongoing effort, and it is the honor of a lifetime to represent such honorable people in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Brad, Piper, and the entire Moose Lake community on becoming a Blue Ribbon City, and I wish them all the best as they continue to support one another.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN G. STEWART

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to John G. Stewart, who passed away in September at the age of 86 years.

John led an accomplished public service career, Mr. Speaker. It was highlighted by his work on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as an aide to then-Senator Hubert Humphrey. When Humphrey became Vice President in 1965, John joined him in President Lyndon Johnson's administration.

John left Washington for Knoxville in 1980, continuing his career at the Tennessee Valley Authority as an assistant general manager and vice president for economic and community development. He retired from TVA in 1994. John also founded the Georgian Institute of Public Administration in the Republic of Georgia and served as a consultant on NASA's Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel.

All who were close to John can attest that he cared about people in an extraordinary way. For example, after the 2008 Kingston coal ash spill, John and Nancy raised funds for workers whose health was severely harmed during the cleanup effort.

John also fought for the people who couldn't fight for themselves and looked out for the little guy. His generous spirit touched everyone in his life, and he will be missed by all who knew him. John is survived by his wife of 64 years, Nancy, and two children, Mike and Cara.

It is not in my notes, but on a personal note, John helped me when I was in the State senate to abolish Tennessee's sales tax on food. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. STUART WEINSTEIN

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an exceptional healthcare